

CITY OF VALLEY FALLS

Open Meeting

October 2, 2019

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The meeting was called to order by Mayor Lucy Thomas. Council members present were Mike Glissman, Gary McKnight, Judy Rider, and Betsy Doughramaji. Salih Doughramaji attended by phone until 7:00pm.

Others present were Connie Fridley, Stacy Cervantez, Sallie Meyer, Jeanette Shipley, Dale Freeland, Candace Watson, and Clarke Davis.

The minutes from the September 18, 2019 meeting were presented. Mike moved to approve. Betsy seconded the motion. Motion carried. 5-0

Petitions, Proclamations, Request, Complaints, Visitors, Etc.: Stacy Cervantez was here on behalf of the Centenarian Club. Jeanette Shipley, Candace Watson, and Jenny Watson were also here. They were here to discuss the annual Trunk-or-Treat event. Halloween falls on a Thursday this year and with most of the volunteer help being unavailable that night the decision was made to have the Trunk-or-Treat event and Haunted House on Saturday October 26th. Broadway Street has always been blocked off from Walnut St. to Maple St. due it being a well-lit area and safe space for all the trunks. The club is expecting at least 35 trunks or more. Stewart's Smokehouse had an issue with parking for their customers on a business night and had previously met with the Mayor and two Centenarian Club members on a possible solution. After long discussion and weighing all options and trying to decide on the safest solution to this event Betsy moves to block off Oak St. to Sycamore St. from the hours of 5:00pm to 6:30pm. Mike seconds the motion. Motion carried 4-1. (Judy was a nay vote) The idea was to make this a community event and to use this opportunity as a marketing tool for new customers. This event brings over 300 people to Valley Falls and the Centenarian Club is more than happy to coordinate and partner on advertisement for any other businesses that would like to be open later that night.

Public Comments:

Committee Reports:

Administrative: Written Report was presented. Joe touched on FEMA. He stated the 1st declaration is still in the waiting period. All financial reports have been sent in for the 2nd declaration and waiting for qualification. The Council would like Joe to bring all totals to the next Council meeting so they can see how much expenditures were during this flooding event.

*Joe has been talking with a few candidates for City Attorneys that would be present at meetings and there to review contracts and any other legal issues that come up. He has a couple more to make contact with and will present options to the Council.

Water/Sewer: KDHE will be here for an inspection tomorrow.

*Paul and crew will be flushing fire hydrants as a part of routine maintenance.

*Paul and crew should be wrapping up jetting sewer lines. After discussion it was decided to push the TV project of sewer lines until next year.

Streets/Alleys: The tractor is in need of a new front tires. Paul presented bids from Armstrong (\$295 per tire), Valley Ag (\$400 per tire), and Kansas Land Tire (\$390 per tire). There was no objection from the Council to proceed with the purchase from Valley Ag.

Parks/Pool: The pool has been winterized but not the bathhouse yet.

Fire board:

Police: Marcus has taken Jim's 2010 Dodge Charger out of service. He reached

out to KHP and they have put a temporary hold on a 2017 black Ford Explorer. The price is \$23,850 without lights and sirens. It would be \$1,000 more if we purchased the car with lights and sirens. There would also be an additional cost to put a cage in of \$1,500. Joe visited with KSB and discussed a 3 month loan option if we decide to purchase from KHP.

*Marcus has also talked with a company in Oklahoma by the name of Joe Watt Police Cars. They have three cars available as well. The first is a 2017 black Ford Explorer and the price is \$21,000. The second is a 2017 white Ford Explorer and the price is \$21,000. The third is a 2018 black Ford Explorer and the price is \$29,000. They offer cage kits at an additional price of \$1,400. This company includes a 12month/12,000 mile warranty on everything. They also offer a 90-day purchase to order with no additional interest so that the City would not need to explore the loan option. After discussion Betsy moves to allow Marcus and Joe to pursue replacement options in Oklahoma. Mike seconds the motion. Motion carried 4-0. Marcus and Joe will find time to make the road trip as it allows in both parties' schedules.

*Marcus, Officer Varner, and Officer Courter attended training in Holton on drug investigations.

*The Jeep was damaged during line up at the school homecoming parade by school staff. It was accidently backed into and the school insurance is covering all cost. Marcus and staff will find time to get the Jeep to High Torque Racing in Meriden for repairs.

*There is a radar inspection scheduled for October 10, 2019 at City Hall.

Health Code:

VFEDC:

Swimming Pool:

Old Business: Valley Falls Community Survey: After Council review it was decided to remove the sidewalk portion of the survey and to add a comment section. It was discussed to offer a \$50 Chamber gift card as an incentive to complete the survey. Each person is entered into the drawing as they return the survey. Joe would like to work on getting these out by the end of the month.

New Business: Alcohol Ordinance: Ordinance 12-110.1 was presented to the Council. This would repeal Ordinance 12-110 and would add language to allow alcohol on City property with approval by resolution from the Council. If the individual has plans to sell there is a temporary permit from the State that would be required for that specific location of the event. Gary moves to adopt Ordinance 12-110.1. Betsy seconds the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Website Discussion: Betsy wanted to follow up on the City website. The Council opted at initial set up to have Municipal Impact upload all data from the previous website. The concern is there hasn't been much updating recently. With other agenda items coming up, staff is not getting as much time as they had hoped to work on set up. It was discussed to try and designate specific time each week to focus on getting things uploaded. There was also a brief discussion on reaching out to the school to try and find a student that would be interested in an internship and help with web design.

Prosecution of Code Violations: There are several code violations that are pending a court date. After speaking to Rick Johnson and after he had some time to review the cases he has decided he cannot prosecute these cases due to conflict of interest with one case being a neighbor. Joe reached out to the City of Effingham and spoke to their prosecutor Lee Buddenbohm. He expressed interest in representing the City and getting these cases caught up. The charge would be \$100 per hour. There was no objection from the Council to proceed.

Annual Renewal-Untangled-Firewall Protection: The annual renewal for our firewall protection is due. The annual renewal amount is \$540. This was set up when the City contracted with Tom Ryan

last year. Gary moves to approve. Mike seconds the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Brown Brother's Conditional Use Permit: The Brown Brothers have met and submitted plans for 20 mini storage units on their property at 105 Sycamore St. The zoning board met and has approved the permit and sends their recommendation of approval to the City Council. Betsy moves to approve the conditional use permit. Gary seconds the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

CMB Renewal—Petro 2019: The annual renewal for Petro's CMB license was presented. Betsy moves to approve. Gary seconds the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

VOUCHERS

The Vouchers were presented. Mike moved to approve. Gary seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Betsy moved to adjourn the meeting. Gary seconds the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

APPROVED: _____
LUCILLE THOMAS, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
APRIL HERBSTER, CITY CLERK